

# Irwin Puts Emphasis On Warrior Condition

If running the lard off of base-ball candidates can win ball games, Coach Mort Irwin of Wakefield should come up with a good ball club this year.

Irwin puts his aspirants through twenty to thirty minutes of running each day as part of the regular practice session, but the whole exercise is broken up into interesting and varied work on fundamentals in addition to leg strengthening.

Yesterday the Mortmen prac-

ticed taking a lead off of first base before high-tailing it to second, hit imaginary home runs and skipped around the bases, and took a few old fashioned laps around the field.

Coach Irwin has trimmed his squad down so that a total of only forty candidates remain, including lads who engaged in winter sports and took their prescribed rest.

Several boys who played for Wakefield last year could get cut from the squad this spring, since

Assistant Coach Maynard Haithcock, who handles the Jayvee team in addition to his varsity duties, has some fine material developed and ready to go in the Warriors April 7 opener at Richard Montgomery.

Irwin will probably take off another slice the latter part of this week, and, since the time for cutting completely raw aspirants is well passed, his decisions on matters such as veterans and new and bright prospects should be interesting.

Mike Davis is a new lad who could push some regular out of a job or possibly off the team. Davis has a long way to go and a lot to learn, and he may never see the inside of a Warrior uniform, but he is a factor to be dealt with by any rivals for an outfield berth.

Davis has a good arm, speed, and has been hitting the apple regularly. Mike has gotten many line drives and an occasional long ball.

Dan Breeden and Henry Mayo demonstrated a good deal of plate power at yesterday's workout. Breeden knocked the ball for what would have been a home run twice and Mayo got hold of three long ones in the course of a two hour batting session.

Mert McGill, a southpaw pitcher, has been putting more steam on the ball the last two days but nobody is tossing any curves yet. Ken Darling and Don Baldwin showed up for spring drills somewhat overweight but Mort's running sessions should peel off excess poundage. Ken is reported to have lost ten pounds already while Baldwin is improving his figure at a slower pace.

Construction on Wakefield's ball park is moving fast. Already the pitcher's mound is completed along with two bull pen hills for the home team and one warm-up hump for visiting clubs. Plans for spectator stands and an outfield fence are soon to show results. A sliding pit has been erected and the Warriors expect to take full advantage of it within a few days.